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In re application of: )  
PHILIP E. EGGERST et al. ) Examiner: L. Cohen  
Application No.: 09/314,247 ) Art Unit: 3739  
Filed: May 18, 1999 )  
For: SYSTEM FOR TREATING ARTICULAR )  
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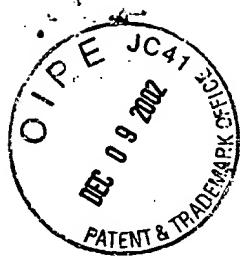
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